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In the U.S. National Phase Entry  
 Under 35 USC 371 from  
 International Application of  
 LEWIS, David Malcolm et al.  
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 Entitled: *Reactive Dye Compounds*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.112

Assistance Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U. S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

- 5 A reactive dye compound according to Claim 3 wherein r is 0.
- 6 Use of a compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing cellulosic substrates.
7. Use of a compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing wool.
8. Use of compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing polyamide substrates.
- a1 9. Use of a compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing silk.
10. Use of compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing keratin.
11. Use of compound according to Claim 1 for dyeing leather.
12. A dye composition comprising the compound of Claim 1.
16. A dye composition according to Claim 12 wherein the acid buffer is selected from citric acid, malic acid, fumaric acid and maleic acid, and mixtures thereof.
- a2 17. A dye composition according to Claim 12 wherein the pH is from about 2 to about 3.